been utilising about half of the total sugarcane production for the manufacture of crystal sugar, remaining being utilised for khandsari and gur, where recovery is lower than sugar mills. Thus the country losses approximately 4 to 4.5 tonnes of sugar for each 100 tonnes of cane used for khandsari and gur making which in financial terms, amounting to, approximately, Rs. 1800 crores every year.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The present licensed capacity of sugar industry is 176.7225 lakh tonnes, and the target of licensed capacity to be achieved by the end of the 8th Five Year Plan period is 198.67 lakh tonnes. This would lead to greater and more efficient utilisation of sugarcane within the country.

In orde to increase the crushing capacity the Government has initiated the following measures :—

(i) Processing of pending applications for grant of letters of intent/ industrial licences for establishment of new sugar factories/ expansion projects has been taken up on priority to achieve the aforesaid target of licensed capacity.

(ii) The procedure for grant of letters of intent for expansion projects has been simplified.

(iii) A revised incentive scheme has been announced for new sugar units/expansion projects in order to enable them to repay the term loans taken from the Financial Institutions.

(iv) The molasses produced by sugar factories has been decontrolled which would improve the economic viability of sugar factories thereby enabling the existing units to carry out expansion and also induce entrepreneurs to set up new factories.

(v) Financial assistance at a concessional rate of interest is provided from the Sugar Development Fund for modernisation/rehabilitation/ expansion of the existing units.

Licences Granted for Sugar Mills in U. P., M. P. and Haryana

150. SHRI GAYA SINGH :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether licences have been granted recently for starting sugar mills in U. P., M. P. and Haryana ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) when these applications were received and when the decision was taken and whether the pending applications were also taken into consideration while taking decisions ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (d) 273 applications from Uttar Pradesh, 14 from Madhya Pradesh and 18 from Haryana have been received through Department of Industrial Development for setting up of new sugar factories as on 31-8-1993. These applications for setting up of new sugar factories have been scrutinised by the Screening Committee. After examination, the recommendations of Ministry of Food have been sent to Ministry of Industry. Letters of Intent/Licenses would be issued by that Ministry.

Uniform Age Limit for Admission in Schools

151. SHRI CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2332 given in the Rajya Sabha on 13th August, 1993 regarding uniform age limits for admission in schools and state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that some schools in Delhi (though recognised by Delhi Administration) prescribe different age limits for children for applying for L.K.G. (Lower

Kinder Garten) classes and their dates of applications also vary from school to school;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the above procedures compel children in some cases to be sent to schools at a very premature age and also make it for parents having more than one child to get their wards admitted in the same school; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take steps to remove the above anomalies in application dates and age limits and instruct all schools in Delhi running pre-primary classes to conform to uniform procedures of admissions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) According to information furnished by Delhi Administration, most of the pre-primary sections run by private societies in the premises of recognised unaided schools are not having recognition for such pre-primary classes and as such the Delhi School Education Act and Rules made thereunder cannot be made applicable to such classes. Besides, Rule 145 of D.S.E. Act, 1973, authorises head of the institution for admission in any class.

(c) The Delhi Administration has not mooted any proposal in this regard.

Enhancement in the Taj Entrance Fee

152. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOUMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the enhancement of the Taj entrance fee to Rs. 100;

(b) if so, whether entrance fee to the historical monuments in the country is regulated by an Act of Parliament; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government with regard to arbitrary enhancement in the Taj entrance fee?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware that a fee of Rs. 100 has been levied by the Agra Development Authority and not by the Government of India. The entry fee is Rs. 00.50 paise only, charged by the Archaeological Survey of India.

(b) Yes, Sir. The entrance fee to the historical monuments including Taj Mahal in the country is regulated by an Act of Parliament.

(c) The Acrhaeological Survey of India has protested against this enhanced levy but the Agra Development Authority has not complied with our request. The toll tax of Rs. 1.50 paise levied by the Agra Development Authority has been increased to Rs. 100. This is, in no way entry fee; as the entry fee to the monument can only be charged by the Archaeological Survey of India, and the same is Rs. 00.50 paise per head only.

Public Appeal for Donations by Delhi University Vice-Chancellor

153. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vice-Chancellor of Delhi University has gone public appealing for donations to defray expenses of the University; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, the Vice-Chancellor of the University has not asked for donations from the public to defray expenses of the University.

(b) Does not arise.